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Applicants: William K. BIRNIE et al.

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Appl. No.: 09/384,646

Group: 2683

Filed: August 27, 1999

Examiner: R. Perez-Gutierrez

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PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.181 AND M.P.E.P. 711.03(C) II TO WITHDRAW
HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT BASED ON FAILURE TO RECEIVE OFFICE ACTION

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450
(Attn: Tom Hawkins)

31 October 2003

Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice of Abandonment received 22 October 2003 in connection with the subject application, Applicants hereby respectfully petition under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.181 and M.P.E.P. §711.03(c) II for decision to withdraw the holding of abandonment.

The Notice of Abandonment indicated that the above identified case was abandoned for failure to timely pay the required issue fee within the statutory three months from the mailing of a Notice of Allowance.

During the months of June, July, August, September, and October, the attorneys of record and correspondence address on record at the U.S.P.T.O was for the law firm of Harness, Dickey & Pierce PLC. However, as is evidenced by the attached copies of the cover of the paper file jacket for the above identified case (Exhibit I) and the docket record showing the date when the issue fee bar date would have been shown had the non-received Notice of Allowance been received and docketed (Exhibit II), the Notice of Allowance was never received by the offices of Harness, Dickey & Pierce PLC. The offices of the undersigned did not become aware of the

Notice of Allowance until advised by the Notice of Abandonment and a search of the file jacket and docket records indicates that the Notice of Allowance was not received.

In view of the above-described facts, it is respectfully submitted that the abandonment of the present application was unavoidable and due solely to problems with the mailing of the 16 June 2003 Notice of Allowance. Accordingly, this petition is being timely filed for the purpose of petitioning withdrawal of the abandonment in view of the above-stated facts.

Since the above-mentioned Notice of Allowance was apparently never received in the offices of Harness, Dickey & Pierce, as evidenced by the attached Exhibits, it is believed that no petition fee is necessary in connection with this petition. In the event that the petition fee is deemed necessary by the United States Patent and Trademark Office, it is respectfully requested that the fee of \$130.00 as set forth in 35 U.S.C. §1.17(h)(1) be charged to Deposit Account No. 08-0750.

In the event that any matters remain at issue in the application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (703) 668-8000 in the Northern Virginia area, for the purpose of a telephonic interview.

Respectfully submitted,

HARNESS, DICKEY AND PIERCE P.L.C.

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Attachments: **Exhibits I & II**

Appl. No. 09/781,820

EXHIBIT I: SHOWS A COPY OF THE FILE JACKET COVER FOR THE APPLICATION NUMBER 09/781,820 FAILING TO SHOW RECEIPT OF A NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE



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Assignee: Lucent Technologies, Inc.
REMARKS:

HARNESS, DICKEY & PIERCE



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EXHIBIT II: SHOWS A COPY OF THE DOCKET RECORD OF 16 SEPTEMBER 2003,
THE DATE THE ISSUE FEE BAR DATE WOULD HAVE BEEN SHOWN HAD THE NON-
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- Response to Missing Parts/ Incomplete Application
 - Response to Missing Parts under 37 CFR 1.52 or 1.53

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- Status Letter

- Other Enclosure(s)
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Petition to Withdraw Holding of Abandonment Based on Failure to Receive Office Action

Remarks

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required under 37 CFR 1.16 or 1.17 to Deposit Account No. 08-0750. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT

Firm or Individual name	Harness, Dickey & Pierce, P.L.C.	Attorney Name Gary D. Yacura	Reg. No. 35,416
Signature			
Date	October 31, 2003		

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